

Sailors See Changes in BAS

Changes in Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) are now reflected in Leave and Earnings Statements (LES).

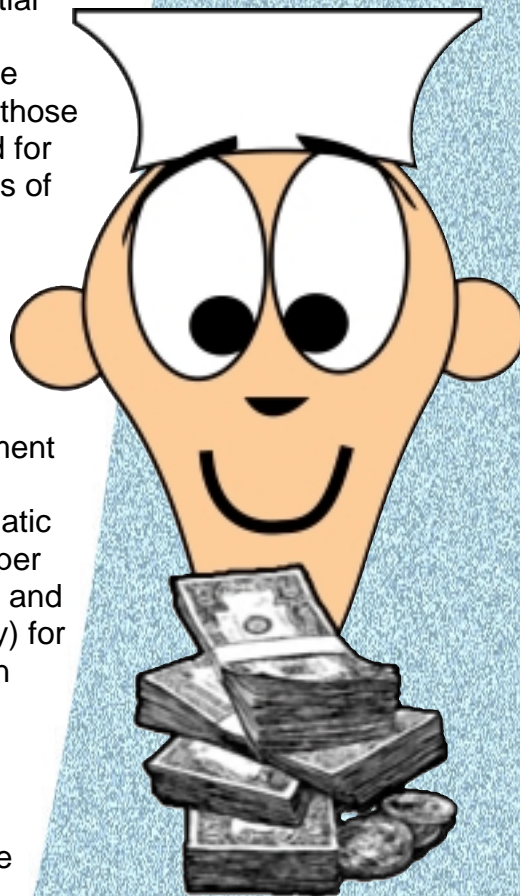
The single BAS rate (\$241.60 per month) has replaced three previous rates of BAS: Separate Rations (SEPRATS), partial BAS and Emergency Rations (EMRATS).

Legislative changes to BAS are designed to remove the inequity between service members on rations-in-kind and those receiving full BAS. Members on RIK are now only charged for meals provided at the discount meal rate, leaving a surplus of more than \$30 per month.

Due to BAS reform, all active and Reserve component members entitled to basic pay will also receive BAS, with the exception of initial accessions (i.e. personnel in recruit training). Regardless of duty station, members should see the BAS details on their LES.

Personnel (E-1 through E-6) residing in single government quarters and required to subsist in a shore galley or other government-provided mess facility, are charged via automatic pay account deduction at the discount meal rate of \$6.75 per day for meals made available. All other enlisted personnel and officers are charged the standard meal rate (\$8.10 per day) for meals consumed in that shore facility. Members residing in single government quarters with no government messing available will continue to receive the rations-in-kind not available (RIKNA) rate of \$262.50.

Sailors (E-1 through E-6) assigned to duty in ships should see a deduction for all meals made available by the ship's galley at the discount meal rate. The difference in entitlement and deduction is approximately equal to the partial BAS payment Sailors received before enactment of BAS reform. CPO private messes and officer wardrooms will be handled in the same fashion as before Jan. 1, 2002.



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